

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please replace the claim listing with the following listing of claims.

Listing of Claims

Claims 1 to 10 (canceled).

Claim 11 (currently amended): An inking roller for an inking unit of an offset printing press comprising:

a plurality of zones arranged in a direction of an axis of rotation; ~~and~~
at least one ink reservoir in an interior of the inking roller connected to at least one ink exit in a circumferential surface of the inking roller in each of the plurality of zones [[,]]; and
at least one pumping element in each of the plurality of zones in the interior of the inking unit for conveying ink from the ink reservoir to the circumferential surface of the inking roller;
~~the at least one ink reservoir in each of the plurality of zones is connected to at least one ink exit in a circumferential surface of the inking roller;~~
~~the inking roller having at least one pumping element assigned to each zone in the interior of the inking roller;~~
~~the pumping element for conveying ink from the ink reservoir to the circumferential surface;~~ the inking roller being an offset printing press inking roller.

Claim 12 (previously presented): The inking roller as recited in claim 11 wherein the pumping element is an electrical pump or a pneumatic pump.

Claim 13 (previously presented): The inking roller as recited in claim 11 wherein the ink exit is an opening or a porous piece of material.

Claim 14 (previously presented): The inking roller as recited in claim 13 wherein the ink exit includes a perforated plug.

Claim 15 (previously presented): The inking roller as recited in claim 11 further comprising an ink duct with a rotary seal, wherein the ink duct substantially extends along the axis of rotation of the inking roller into the interior of the inking roller to the at least one ink reservoir.

Claim 16 (previously presented): The inking roller as recited in claim 11 wherein the pumping element is powered by a rotary electrical connection.

Claim 17 (previously presented): The inking roller as recited in claim 11 wherein the at least one ink exit includes a number of ink exits present in one zone, the ink exits being located in a circumferential direction either in one angular section of a circumference in an accumulative way or distributed in a substantially even manner.

Claim 18 (previously presented): The inking roller as recited in claim 11 wherein each pumping element is controllable independently of the other pumping elements.

Claim 19 (previously presented): An inking unit for an offset printing press comprising at least one inking roller as recited in claim 11.

Claim 20 (previously presented): An offset printing unit comprising at least one inking unit as recited in claim 19.

Claim 21 (previously presented): The inking unit as recited in claim 19 wherein the circumferential surface of the inking roller rolls on another inking roller.

Claim 22 (previously presented): The inking unit as recited in claim 21 wherein the other inking roller is a beginning of a group of further inking rollers that roll on each other.

Claim 23 (previously presented): The offset printing unit as recited in claim 20 further comprising a group of further inking unit rollers adapted to apply ink to a printing master on a printing master cylinder connected to an end of the group of inking unit rollers.